GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CREATION OF COASTAL COMMAND
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to create 'Coastal Command' for quick response;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a)to (c): India's coastal waters are guarded by the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and the Indian Navy (IN) in coordination with the State Police and other agencies like Customs.Recently it has been decided that guarding the coastline will now be exclusively entrusted to the Coast Guard with immediate effect. The Indian Navy will provide the necessary backup support to the Coast Guard for this purpose. The Ministry of Shipping would provide all logistical assistance that may be required to the Coast Guard and the Navy. Steps are also being taken to enhance maritime security by strengthening Coast Guard and Indian Navy in terms of manpower, assets etc. This, inter-alia, envisages designating the Director General, Coast Guard, as Commander, Coastal Command with responsibilities of overall coordination between Central and State agencies.